Foreign Mountaineers

@@2765. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of foreign mountaineers along with their nationalities who came to India during 1986-87 to scale the peaks of the Himalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): According to the information received from the Indian Mountaineering Foundation 437 foreign nationals came to India during 1986-87 for clnnbing *peaks* in the Indian Himalayas. Nationality-wise break-up of these persons is given below.

Sl. No.	No. of persons
1 Australia	12
2 Belgium	10
3 France	35
4 Germany	38
5 I taly	37
6 Irish Free State	07
7 Japan	90
8 Poland	66
9 Spain	23
10 Switzerland	14
11 U.K.	88
12 U.S.A.	17
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@@Previously Unstarred Question 1814 transferred from the 11th August, 1987.

Monitoring of the adverse reaction o Drugs

2766. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMAR Will the Minister of HEALTH AN1 FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to stat.

(a) whether Government propose t introduce a scheme for monitoring ac verse reactions of drugs in the countrj

(b) if so, what 'are the details thereo and by when such a scheme would star operating;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the absence of such a scheme eighty per cen of irrational combinations of drugs, sixty per cent dangerous and harmful drugi and almost fifty per cent useless drug are being marketed in India; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in introducing such a scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ *KHA* PARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme envisages monitoring o: adverse reaction to drugs at a nationa level. To start with, it would be identify ing 6 institutions/hospitals which have the necessary clinical and laboratory . facilitla to conduct intense hospital surveillance drugs.

(c) lt is not true that in the absenci of a system of monitoring Adverse Drug Reaction, 80 per cent irrational combina tions, 60 per cent dangerous and harmfu drugs and 50 per cent useless drugs ar moving in the market.- A sub-comittee se

up to screen the irrational formualtious in coniultaiion with experts reviews and re-commends from time to time weeding out formulations considered either harmful or irrational.

(d) Alter sanction for release of funds is accorded, the scheme will be put into operation.

RIDN facility in Audlua Pradesh

2767. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

('a) whether there is any proposal to bring some districts in Andhra Pradesh under the coverage of Rural Integrated Digital Network (RIDN); and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the names of the districts proposed to be covered under the RIDN a'ong-with the likely date by which they would be so covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 'Khammam' District in A.P. has been selected for implementation of IDN Scheme within the 7th Five Year Plan subject to availability of equipment. The scheme envisages complete digitalisation of local exchange 'and transmission equipment in the District. It will provide inter-dialling facility amongst all the exchanges in the district.

Seatmen recruitment centre at Calcutta

2768. SHRl SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the seamen recruitment centre at Calcutta is being wound up;

(b) whether the post of Director in the Seamen's Employment Office through whom Seamen are being recruited has not been filled up since November, 1986, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the reasons for abolishing the post of Principal Seamen's Welfare Officer, since 1985;

(d) whether there has been failute -to implement the tripartite agreementt on job distribution at the rate of 70 per cent and 30 per cent between Bombay and Calcutta respectively since 27th March, 1973. if so. the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the Govern-ment failed to accord due representation to the recognised Forward Seamen's Union of India in the various Statutory bodies like National Seamen's Welfare Board, Seafarers Welfare Fund Society, National Maritime Day Celebration Committee, National Maritime Board (Indra)

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A reference has already been made to the Union Public Service Commission for convening the Departmental Promotion Committee's meeting for selection for the post of Director, Seamen's Employment Office, Calcutta which is Vacant since January, 1987.

(c) The post of Principal Seamen's Wel fare Officer, not only at Calcutta but also at Bombay has been 'abolished as per the economy measures. The duties of the offi cers are being performed by the Shipping Masters at both the places.

(d) Efforts were made to **get** the Sea men's unions at Bombay and Calcutta to